1 2 3 4 5 DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM 6 7 TERRITORY OF GUAM 8 9 SHANNON H. SELEEN, **CIVIL CASE NO. 09-00010** 10 Plaintiff, 11 VS. 12 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF EMAILS 13 Defendant. 14 15 In the interest of full and complete disclosure, the court issues the following Order and 16 notice. 17 On September 15, 2009, the court issued an Order to Show Cause and directed the 18 Plaintiff to file her response no later than October 16, 2009. 19 On September 16, 2009, the law clerk to the below-signed judge received an email from 20 the Plaintiff's counsel containing two attachments. See Attachment 1 hereto. The two email 21 attachments consisted of a Relocation Letter and a Proposed Scheduling Order and Discovery 22 Plan. Counsel also telephoned my law clerk that morning and was advised that the court had 23 issued an Order to Show Cause in the case, a copy of which was electronically served upon him 24 via email. No further discussion occurred. 25 Later that evening, at approximately 9:23 p.m., the Plaintiff's counsel sent a second 26 email with one attachment to the below-signed judge's law clerk. See Attachment 2 hereto. 27 The email attachment purported to be counsel's response to the Order to Show Cause. 28 The following day, on September 17, 2009, the court received a facsimile, appended

hereto as Attachment 3, from the Plaintiff's counsel. The facsimile contained a different version of what appeared to be counsel's response to the Order to Show Cause.

On September 18, 2009, another facsimile was received by the court from the Plaintiff's counsel. The facsimile included what appears to be the Plaintiff's reply to the Motion to Dismiss filed by the Defendant.

Pursuant to Rule GR 5.1 of the Local Rules of Practice for the District Court of Guam, only papers containing an original signature shall be accepted for filing. "No facsimile filings shall be accepted as the original for filing unless the party seeking to file by facsimile has secured the permission of the Court to file by facsimile by motion to the Court." Local Rule 5.1(a). In this case, the Plaintiff's counsel never sought permission from the court to file his documents via facsimile, email or other electronic means. Thus, none of the pleadings faxed or emailed (and appended hereto) may be considered as having been officially filed with the court until approval for such filing has been sought and granted by the court. If counsel's goal was to file said pleadings electronically, then counsel should have consulted the court's Administrative Procedures for the Electronic Filing, Signing, Verifying, and Serving of Civil and Criminal Documents, which is available on the court's website. Counsel has not been authorized to file pleadings electronically because he has not satisfactorily completed the necessary training program as a qualification for issuance of a password for use in the court's "live" database.

Accordingly, no pleading shall be deemed "filed" until the original hard copy is received for filing at the Clerk's Office, unless the Plaintiff's counsel receives authorization to file pleadings electronically or the court has granted a motion to permit the filing of documents via facsimile or other means. The court admonishes counsel to refrain from further *ex parte* communications with the court. Future violations may result in the imposition of appropriate sanctions.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr. U.S. Magistrate Judge Dated: Sep 18, 2009



Scheduling Conference 09-00010

Dear Judith:

There is a Scheduling conference scheduled for Thursday at 10:30 am. I have submitted the proposed scheduling order to the Guam AG's office for their approval and signature. Attached is a copy for your information.

Ron Moroni said he would be glad to cover the Scheduling Conference for me but I believe it is Judge Manibusan's requirement that he be in for a pound if he is in for a penny. So I will call you this morning to see about doing it by teleconference.

Attached also is the letter I originally sent out in late July/early August regarding my change of address starting in late August. Hawaii Telecom finally got my telephone/internet connected the end of last week. Please pass the updated information on the Clerk's Office. I will send them a letter also.

The updated information is:

Mailing Address: PO Box 2794, Wailuku, HI 96793 Home Phone: (808) 572-9473 Cell: (808) 269-4653

Thanks,

Lewis Littlepage

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Lewis Ward Littlepage LITTLEPAGE & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 2 396 W. O'Brien Drive Chode Building Hagatna, Guam 96910 4 Tel: (671) 475-1111 Fax: (671) 475-1112 5 E-Mail: lewis@littlepagelawfirm.com 6 Attorney for Ms. Shannon H. Seleen 7 8 9 10 11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF GUAM 12 13 14 SHANNON H. SELEEN,) Civil Case No. 09-00010 15 Plaintiff. (PROPOSED) 16 vs. **SCHEDULING ORDER AND** 17 GUAM PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, **DISCOVERY PLAN** GOVERNMENT OF GUAM, 18 19 Defendant. 20 21 Pursuant to Rules 16 and 26(f) of the Federal Rules of 22 Civil Procedure, and Local Rule 16.1 for the District Court of 23 Guam, the parties hereby submit the following Scheduling Order 24 and Discovery Plan: 25 26 1. Nature of the Case. Plaintiff is suing the Guam Public 27 School System for violation of Title VII of the Civil 28 Shannon H. Seleen vs. Guam Public School System, Government of Guam

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Civil Case 09-00010 Proposed Scheduling Order Rights ct of 1964 and the Civil Rights Act of 1961, for employment discrimination. Ms. Seleen also seeks to enforce Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Public Law 93-112 Section 504, 29 U.S.C. § 794.

2. Posture of the Case.

(a) Plaintiff has filed a Motion to Dismiss.

(b) The following motions have been resolved: None to date.

(c) The following discovery has been initiated: None

3. Motions to Amend. All motions to amend the pleadings shall be filed on or before Friday, October 30, 2009.

Motions to Add Parties: All motions to add parties shall be filed on or before Friday, October 30, 2009.

5. Discovery Plan. The following is the description and schedule of all pretrial discovery each party intends to initiate prior to the close of discovery:

The times for disclosures under Initial Disclosures: (a). Rules 26(a) and 26(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil procedure are modified as follows:

26(a)(1) - within 30 days from the date of this order.

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Depositions: Depositions are still to be scheduled.

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(c). <u>Written Discovery:</u> Each party may propound interrogatories and requests to produce and requests for admissions within the limits set by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. If either party determines that it needs to propound more discovery than permitted by the Rules, the parties will confer in good faith to accommodate reasonable discovery requests prior to the filing of any motion relating to a discovery dispute.

(d). <u>Discovery Cutoff</u>. The discovery cutoff date (defined as the last date to file responses to discovery) shall be **Friday April 30, 2010**.

(e). Expert Discovery:

- 1. The disclosures of expert testimony required under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2) shall be made by Plaintiff not later than Friday, October 30, 2009.
- 2. The disclosures of expert testimony required under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2) shall be made by Defendant not later than Friday, November 27, 2009.
- 3. Any designation of rebuttal expert testimony under Rule 26(a)(2) shall be made no later than Friday, January 15, 2010.

4. The depositions of experts may be scheduled at any time at least 20 days subsequent to the submission of rebuttal reports and the depositions of said experts shall be completed no later than Friday, February 26, 2010.

6. Motions.

(a) The anticipated discovery motions are: None are anticipated at this time.

All discovery motions shall be filed on or before Friday, March 26, 2010.

(b) The anticipated dispositive motions are: Unknown at this time.

All dispositive motions shall be filed on or before **Friday**April 16, 2010.

- 7. **Settlement**. The prospects for settlement are unknown.
- 8. Preliminary Pretrial Conference. The preliminary pretrial conference shall be held on Monday, May 10, 2010 at ____ a.m.
- 9. <u>Pretrial Filings</u>. The parties' pretrial materials, discovery materials, witness lists, exhibit lists, and designation of discovery responses shall be filed on or before Monday, May 24, 2010.

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Re: Civil 09-00010, Seleen v. GPSS Lewis Littlepage to: Francine_Diaz, Judith Hattori

09/16/2009 09:23 PM

This message has been forwarded.

I have attempted electronic filing but, alas, to no avail. Attached is my reply to the Order to Show Cause received this morning. A faxed copy will be sent and the hard copy via express mail.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF GUAM

SHANNON H. SELEEN,) Civil Case No. 09-00010
Plaintiff,	REPLY TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
vs.)
GUAM PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, GOVERNMENT OF GUAM,)))
Defendant.))

Comes now Lewis W. Littlepage and does submit this reply to the Order to Show Cause. Attorney Littlepage states that, prior to the Defendant's Motion to Dismiss, he had provided the Defendant and the Court with notice that his office would be closing. A copy of the Notice is attached as Exhibit 1. Attorney Littlepage expected to have better access to internet and research during the time he was moving but that expectation did not come to pass.

As a result of the move, Plaintiff's counsel lost internet and research capability far sooner than he expected. The client file in this case was improperly packed to be shipped rather than hand-carried. Plaintiff's counsel should have requested an extension from Defendant, who has been most gracious in these matters in the past, on the Motion to Dismiss but failed to do

so as a result of the necessity and pressures of a quick move. When Plaintiff finally regained internet access on September 10, 2009, Plaintiff contacted Defendant's counsel via e-mail and has forwarded on to him a proposed Scheduling Order and Discovery Plan.

Plaintiff's counsel requests that because of his move, which Defendant was aware of prior to filing his Motion to Dismiss, that Plaintiff be allowed until Friday, September 18, 2009, to file his Rely to the Motion to Dismiss. Defendant is not prejudiced by this delay and the case should be decided on the merits.

Plaintiff's counsel accepts responsibility and requests that any sanctions be directed at him and not at the Plaintiff as this is a matter of enforcing federal law.

Respectfully Submitted this 15th day of September, 2009.

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Sincerely,

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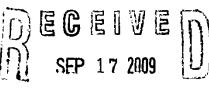
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REPLY TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

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2009. When internet access was re-established, attorney Littlepage immediately provided a Scheduling and Discovery plan to the Defendant.

Because Defendant knew when it filed its Motion to Dismiss that Plaintiff was in the middle of a move and would not be able to respond timely, the Court should not unjustly sanction the Plaintiff. Any actions of the Court should be directed at this attorney who should have requested additional time for a response to the Motion to Dismiss based on his move but failed to do so because of the stress of the required quick move.

Attorney Littlepage requests that any sanctions of the Court be directed at him and not at the Plaintiff. This case is a matter of federal law and should be decided on the merits. Plaintiff requests until September 18, 2009 to respond to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss.

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of September, 2009.

By:

Lewis W. Littlepage, 1

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Initially provided to the District Court by E-mail on September 15, 2009, after being unsuccessful at e-filing. Attempted to print copies for faxing and the file was corrupt. Document rewritten and now provide to the Guam District Court and the Guam Attorney General's Office via Fax with hard copy to follow by U.S. Express Mail.

Lewis W. Littlepage

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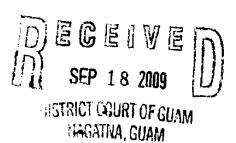
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PLAINTIFF'S REPLY TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS FOR INSUFFICIENCY OF PROCESS AND SERVICE

Rule 5(a)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure states that service must be on the "party" unless the rules allow otherwise. Plaintiff complied with Rule 5(a)(1) and properly served the Defendant in this case. There is no exception in the Federal Rules for serving the Attorney General's Office when it is not know if that agency will be representing the Defendant. Only after it is made known to a party that an attorney is representing the opposing party may

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service be made on the attorney. See Rule 5(b)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

In this case it was not known if the Guam Attorney General's Office would be representing the Guam Public School System as the Guam Code allows for the Guam Public School System to retain its own attorney.

17 G.C.A. § 3109. Attorney for the Guam Public School System.

The Superintendent may employ an attorney(s) to assist and represent it in all matters that concern the GPSS.

In addition, because Guam Code requires the Guam Attorney General's Office to assist the Guam Public School System in all litigation in which GPSS has an interest (17 G.C.A. § 3110), service on the Guam Public School System automatically includes the Guam Attorney General's Office. Defendant cannot claim he is without knowledge of the Complaint. The Attorney General's Office and the Territory of Guam have suffered no prejudice because it was served on the named party, which the Guam Attorney General's Office is required to assist by statute.

Defendant's arguments regarding service under the Guam Rules of Civil Procedure are not applicable when service can be and was accomplished as required in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Defendant cites to Rule 4(j)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. This is not applicable as it deals with States and municipal corporations. Even if it did apply, Plaintiff has complied because service on the Guam Public

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School System automatically includes service upon the Guam Attorney General's Office pursuant to 17 G.C.A. § 3110. Therefore Plaintiff properly complied with the service on Defendant in this case.

Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court deny the Plaintiff's Motion and allow this case to proceed in a timely manner.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of September, 2009.

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